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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants, through their undersigned representative, are submitting herewith a copy of a communication from the foreign patent office in the counterpart foreign application and a copy of one of the four documents cited therein (the remaining three documents were previously made of record with the filing of the IDS on July 30, 1999). The referred to cited document is being listed in the form equivalent to Form PTO-1449, attached hereto. (The communication is an Office Action from the European Patent Office and a copy being submitted is in the English language.)

In accordance with the requirements under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), the following statement as specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1), is being made:

Upon information and belief, the undersigned submits that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this IDS.

It is submitted, this IDS is in compliance with the Rules and with USPTO guidelines. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that it be entered and duly considered by the USPTO. Acknowledgement of entry as well as of the formal consideration thereof by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to, or any overpayment thereof be credited to, the account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (500.32032CC6).

Respectfully submitted,

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